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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes a change to FIG. 3. This sheet replaces the original sheet of FIG. 3, namely drawing sheet 3/3.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 20 remain in this application. Claims 7 and 12 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6, 8, 11 and 13 are amended.

FIG. 3 of the drawings is hereby amended to correct an innocuous, typographical error. In particular, step 320 of FIG. 3 is corrected to change "30" seconds to "5" seconds, as supported by page 11, lines 3 and 4, of the specification. No new matter has been added. Approval of the above change to FIG. 3 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0024967 A1 to Bauer ("Bauer publication"). Claims 6 and 11 are hereby amended to include certain language of canceled claims 7 and 12, and claims 8 and 13 are hereby amended to reference claims 6 and 11 instead of canceled claims 7 and 12.

Independent claims 1 and 16 as originally presented and independent claims 6 and 11 as amended provide two activations of a user interface which perform different operations in response. Claim 1 provides, *inter alia*, "a control circuit coupled to the lighting circuit, the control circuit having a delayed operation mode wherein a first activation of the user interface illuminates the user interface without performing any other operation of the device and a second activation of the user interface performs an operation of the device other than illuminating the user interface". Claim 6 as amended provides, *inter alia*, "wherein a first activation of the input device illuminates the input device without performing any other operation of the device and a

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second activation of the input device performs an operation of the device other than illuminating the input device". Claim 11 as amended provides, *inter alia*, "wherein a first activation of the user interface illuminates the user interface without performing any other operation of the device and a second activation of the user interface performs an operation of the user interface other than illuminating the user interface". Claim 16 provides, *inter alia*, "detecting a first activation of the user interface; illuminating the user interface in response to detecting the first activation without performing any other operation of the device; detecting a second activation of the user interface; and performing an operation of the device other than illuminating the user interface."

In contrast, the Bauer publication does not describe or suggest two activations of a user interface nor two different operations in response to the activations. The Bauer publication describes backlighting that is activated by actuation of a key at page 1, paragraph 0006. However, the Bauer publication does not provide any further details about the backlighting and the key, or any other reference to activation of the key or any other type of user interface. Thus, the Bauer publication does not describe or suggest two or more activations of a user interface, let alone two different operations in response to the activations, as required by claims 1, 6, 11 and 16. Therefore, claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 distinguish patentably from the Bauer publication.

Claims 2 through 5, 7 through 10, 12 through 15, and 17 through 20 depend from and include all limitations of independent claims 1 and 16 and claims 6 and 11 as amended. Therefore, claims 2 through 5, 7 through 10, 12 through 15, and 17 through 20 distinguish patentably from the Bauer publication for the reasons stated above for claims 1, 6, 11 and 16.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(c) rejection of claims 1 through 20 are respectfully requested.


No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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